

**ABSOLUTE RATING:**      **Excellent**  
**IMPROVEMENT RATING:**      **Excellent**

Number of high schools with students similar to ours: 34. The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from below average to excellent. For the improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to excellent.

*(Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)*

### RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD

	Absolute Rating	Improvement Rating
<b>2001</b>	Excellent	Excellent
<b>2002</b>		
<b>2003</b>		
<b>2004</b>		

### TENTH GRADE PASSAGE OF ONE OR MORE SUBTESTS OF THE EXIT EXAM

	Our School			Schools With Students Like Ours		
	1999	2000	2001	1999	2000	2001
• Passed all 3 subtests	75.1	74.9	68.2	67.1	70.2	73.4
• Passed 2 subtests	12.0	15.3	20.6	17.5	16.4	15.4
• Passed 1 subtest	8.3	7.1	5.8	9.5	8.9	7.4
• Passed no subtests	4.6	2.7	5.5	5.9	4.5	3.7

<b>ELIGIBILITY FOR LIFE SCHOLARSHIPS</b>	Our School	Schools With Students Like Ours
% of seniors eligible for LIFE Scholarships at four-year institutions	36.2%	22.5%
% of seniors who met the SAT requirement	39.1%	24.0%
% of seniors who met the grade point average	64.2%	55.8%

Beginning in 2003, the graduation rate for each high school will be included in the school rating.

### PERFORMANCE BY STUDENT GROUPS

Student Group	Seniors		
	Exit Exam Passage Rate by Spring 2001	Eligibility for LIFE Scholarships	Graduation Rate
<b>All students</b>	95.3%	36.2%	N/A until 2003
Students with disabilities other than speech	78.6%	20.0%	
Students without disabilities	96.2%	36.6%	
<b>Gender</b>			
Male	95.1%	32.8%	
Female	95.5%	39.5%	
<b>Ethnic Group</b>			
African American	91.8%	13.0%	
Hispanic	100.0%	16.7%	
White	96.9%	48.1%	
Other	100.0%	N/A	
<b>Lunch Status</b>			
Free/reduced-price lunch	91.8%	7.8%	
Pay for lunch	96.5%	46.4%	

### STUDENTS IN CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY COURSES

Mastering core competencies	71.3%
Completers placed	77.8%
Eligible students enrolled	64.3%

## SCHOOL PROFILE

### INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
<b>SCHOOL</b>				
• Dollars spent per student	\$4,554	N/A	\$5,711	\$5,668
• Prime instructional time	89.4%	No change	90.2%	90.1%
• Student-teacher ratio	30.1 to 1	N/A	26.2 to 1	25.1 to 1
<b>STUDENTS (n=1,530)</b>				
• Advanced Placement/ Int'l Baccalaureate Program Exam Success Ratio	86.3%	N/A	52.8%	40.0%
• Attendance rate	94.9%	Down from 95.0%	95.2%	95.3%
• Retention rate	5.5%	Down from 8.0%	9.5%	10.0%
<b>TEACHERS (n=83)</b>				
• Professional Development days per teacher	7.4 Days	Down from 7.9	7.5 Days	7.5 Days
• Attendance rate	95.8%	Down from 96.0%	95.9%	95.7%
• Teachers with advanced degrees	49.4%	No change	51.3%	49.4%
• Continuing contract teachers	81.9%	Down from 87.0%	83.9%	81.0%
• Teachers with out-of-field permits	4.8%	Up from 0.0%	3.6%	3.0%
• Teachers returning from the previous school year	92.9%	Up from 91.6%	86.3%	85.2%
• Average teacher salary	\$38,985	Up 4.4%	\$38,979	\$38,125

### SCHOOL FACTS

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median High School
<b>SCHOOL</b>				
• Dropout rate	2.8%	Down from 3.5%	2.9%	2.9%
• Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries	58.0%	N/A	55.8%	56.4%
• Principal's years at the school	3.0	N/A	3.0	3.0
• Percent of parents attending conferences	84.1%	N/A	62.5%	60.1%
• Opportunities in the arts	Good	N/A	Excellent	Excellent
<b>STUDENTS</b>				
• Older than usual for grade	20.6%	Up from 8.7%	9.8%	10.1%
• Suspended or expelled	27	N/A	27	29
• Gifted and talented	13.8%	Down from 19.0%	10.3%	7.4%
• With disabilities other than speech	11.0%	Up from 8.9%	11.2%	10.7%
• Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	17.7%	N/A	3.2%	4.5%
• Enrollment in career and technology center courses	983	N/A	373	350
• Career students participating in work-based experiences	23.7%	N/A	27.3%	23.1%



## PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

This has been a successful year for Aiken High School. Among our students' accomplishments are the following:

- The average SAT score was 1007.
- On the ACT, one of our students scored the highest score in the nation.
- 109 seniors were offered more than \$4.8 million in scholarships.
- Six seniors were selected as national Merit Scholar finalists. Two seniors were selected as finalists in the National Achievement Scholarship Program.
- Twelve seniors were recognized as Palmetto Fellows Award winners.
- The Aiken High School Academic Team won the regular season county championship and the county tournament championship.

Our students continue to improve academically. Students may receive extra help through their participation in the Accelerated Reader Program, the A+ Lab, and the after-school math tutorial program.

Our students continue to be successful in state and national competitions in the DECA, FBLA, FFA, and the NJROTC programs.

Our athletic teams continue to compete with success in Region III 4-A and in the state playoffs.

Our band program continues to receive high marks in its state and regional competitions.

We will begin teaching International Baccalaureate Program courses this year. Over 70 juniors have accepted the challenge of these rigorous courses.

Joe Padget

### EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	91.7	53.5	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	78.0	70.1	
Satisfied with home-school relations	81.9	75.8	

### DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

**Excellent** – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Good** – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Average** – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Below Average** – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Unsatisfactory** – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

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Aiken High  
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**Grades** 9-12 High School

**Enrollment:** 1,530 Students

### Principal

Mr. Joseph Padget 803-641-2500

### Superintendent

Dr. Linda B. Eldridge 803-641-2428

### Board Chair

Dr. John B. Bradley 803-641-2431



## THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School  
Report Card

**2001**

School Grade:  
Excellent



### South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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